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What Is a File History?

A File History is an up-to-date account of the prosecution history for a published or granted patent case. The file history (otherwise known as a file wrapper) contains documentation such as the table of contents of the file, original application as filed with claims, declarations and drawings, office actions, amendments, notice of allowability and other correspondence between the examiner at the patent office and the applicant or their representative.

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What Does a File History Look Like?

File Histories are copies of the Patent Office files and are delivered in several formats. [Click here](#) (2.2 MB) to view sample pages from a file history.

Format Type	Description
Download — PDF Image	Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format, generated using a bitmap image as a source. Contains hidden text that can be used for limited key word searching using Adobe Reader. Delivered by an email link for download.
Download — TIFF Image	Tagged Image File Format, a standard bitmap image format. Delivered by an email link for download.
Download — Searchable PDF	Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format, generated using state of the art Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software and containing ASCII text as a source, and therefore searchable. Offers more complex and accurate searching. Delivered by an email link for download.

You may also choose to order copies of references cited in the file histories you have selected. Available options include:

Reference Type	Description
Copies of US References	US patents and applications cited as references by this patent or application.
Copies of Foreign References	Non-US patents and applications cited as references by this patent or application.
Copies of Other References	Non-patent prior art that this patent or application references.

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Ordering File Histories

File Histories may be ordered from any of three locations within Delphion. These are:

- [The Current Results Set](#)
- [The Delphion Integrated View](#)
- [The Order Screen](#)

Ordering from the Result Set

Order from the Tabbed Interface

File Histories can be ordered from the "Order selected items as" pull down at the bottom of any of the Tabs within the Tabbed Interface.

 Screen capture of the Order File Histories drop-down box

Using the "Order selected items as" pull down on any of the Tabs within the Tabbed Interface (File Histories is selected by default):

1. Select patents for which you wish to order file histories by checking the checkbox from the **Current Results** tab.
2. Click Go to place items in **Shopping Cart**
3. from **Shopping Cart**, Click **Check Out**. You will be sent to **Confirm File History** Order screen if you only have File Histories in the **Shopping Cart** or the **Display Pending Order** screen shown below if you have other product types in your Shopping Cart when you checkout. In the case of the mixed order, click **Process Order** to be sent to the **Confirm File History Screen**.


 Screen capture of the Display pending orders screen

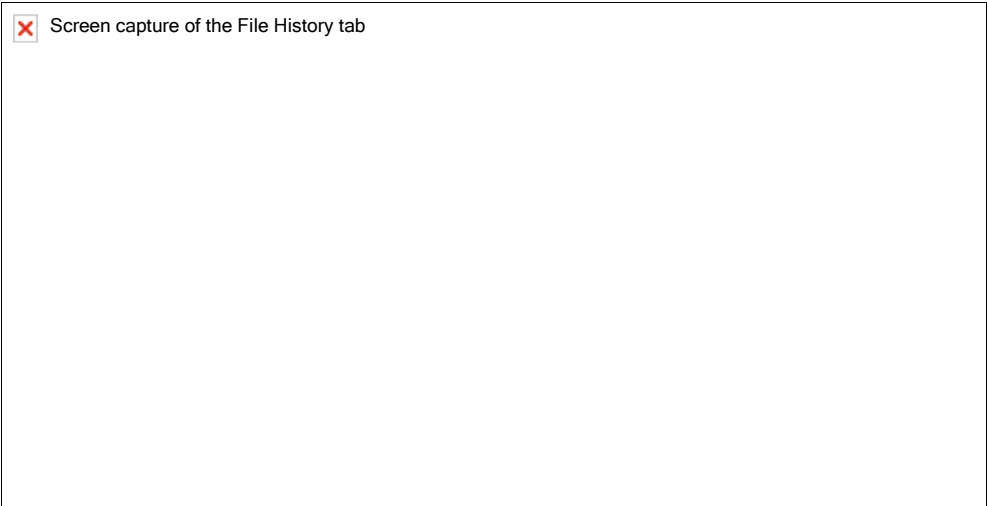
Order from the Tabbed Interface

File Histories can also be conveniently ordered using the **File Histories** tab:

1. Click the **File Histories** tab, shown below.

2. Select patents for which you wish to order file histories by checking the checkbox in the Search Results list.
3. Click **Order File Histories**, shown below.

 Screen capture of the File History tab



Confirm File History Order Screen

The Confirm File History Order screen displays.

File History for patent(s) displays the patent numbers of the file histories you have selected, along with the document title. The number of pages and estimated price is shown for file histories that are part of our in-house inventory. The actual price will be based on number of pages delivered and will include any applicable shipping charges, media charges and taxes.

In most cases, these documents are delivered to you within 24 hours.

To remove any file history from your order, check the associated checkbox in the **Remove** column, then click the **Remove** button.

File History Format

Next, select the file history format you prefer from the **File History Format** drop down menu. Format Types are described in [What does a File History Look Like?](#)

You may also choose to order copies of references cited in the file histories you have selected.

Order cited references by checking the appropriate checkbox in the **Include Cited References** box.

Choose Billing Method

Bill your purchase either to your Delphion account, an existing MicroPatent account, or an existing FaxPat/Optipat account. Use the Bill To radio buttons at the top of the screen to select one. If you select your MicroPatent account, enter your MicroPatent user ID and password in the text boxes provided. If you selected your FaxPat/Optipat account, enter your account number in the text box provided. Also verify **Company name** in the editable text box at the bottom of this section.

Note: Regardless of the billing method selected, discounts for File History Premium accounts will be applied provided you enter your MicroPatent or Faxpat/Optipat account information.

You may enter a docket or reference number in the Docket or Reference number text box. If you are using Tracking and have an active trail, the client reference number for the trail is automatically populated into this area. Please note that you can edit this text box, if desired.

Submit Order

When you are satisfied that the information on this screen is correct, press the **Submit Order** button.

File History Order Completed Screen

Upon submittal of the order, you will be taken to the File History Order Completed screen, shown below.

 Screen capture of the Order Completed screen


The **File History Order Completed** screen verifies that your transaction is complete.


You may wish to print the Order Accepted screen for your records. First press the **View Printable Receipt** button, then click on **FILE | PRINT** in your browser to print a copy.

To view all of your accepted orders, press the **Order Status** button.

The Order Status Screen

The Order Status screen is shown below.



 Screen capture of the Order Status screen

The Order Status screen displays all of the orders you have placed with Delphion. Data displayed includes:

- Order reference number
- Vendor
- Price (USD)
- Date completed
- Time completed
- Order status

An order status of "Transmitted" indicates that your order has been accepted, but not yet processed.

An order status of "Completed" indicates that processing of your order is completed, and it has been shipped to you by the method you selected.

Press the **Details** button to view the details of any order.

Ordering from the Integrated View

from the Current Search Results screen, click on the hyperlinked patent number Publication column. This will display the Integrated View.

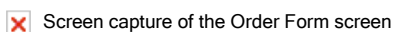
File Histories can be ordered from the Integrated View. Part of the Integrated View is shown below.

A rectangular box with a thin black border containing a small red 'X' icon followed by the text "Screen capture of the Delphion Integrated View". The rest of the box is empty.

To order File Histories from the Integrated View, click on **File History** in the **Buy Now** menu bar. This will display the Confirm File History Order screen.

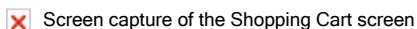
Ordering from the Order Page

File Histories can be ordered from the Order Form. Part of the Order Form is shown below.

A rectangular box with a thin black border containing a small red 'X' icon followed by the text "Screen capture of the Order Form screen". The rest of the box is empty.

To order File Histories from the Order Form:

1. Enter the patent number for which you wish to order a File History into a text field in the **Enter patent number(s) here** area.
2. Click on the **File History Product** radio button in the **Choose product** area.
3. Click on the **Add to Shopping Cart** button in the **Add to cart** area at the bottom of the screen. The Shopping Cart screen, shown below, will display.

A rectangular box with a thin black border containing a small red 'X' icon followed by the text "Screen capture of the Shopping Cart screen". The rest of the box is empty.

The Shopping Cart displays all the documents you have selected to order. Deselect any documents you do not wish to order by checking the associated checkbox in the **Remove from Cart** column.

When you are satisfied with your order, you may choose either to **Continue Shopping** or to **Checkout** by clicking the associated button, shown above.

Upon **Checkout** you will be sent to **Confirm File History Order** screen if you only have File Histories in the **Shopping Cart** or the **Display Pending Order** screen if you have other product types in your Shopping Cart upon checkout. In the case of the mixed order, click **Process Order** to be sent to the **Confirm File History Screen**.

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